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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Congressional Contacts Re Chuyen Case

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1. Today I separately briefed Messrs. J. Russell Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee; Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee; William Woodruff, Assistant Chief Clerk, Senate Appropriations Committee; and Robert Michaels, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, on the above case. I explained that we had no responsibility for the operation in which Chuyen was involved; that when queried as to how a suspected double agent should be dealt with in such circumstances we had advised either turning over to South Vietnamese authorities or terminating him; that when Sergeant [redacted] had reported the facts to us we had promptly informed General Abrams; and that we were cooperating in the field with General Abrams' investigation and at headquarters with the Army General Staff and the Army JAG.

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2. All seemed satisfied with this explanation, although Woodruff said that since one of those involved, [redacted] was [redacted] Senator Russell might "want to talk to someone from the Agency regarding more details if [redacted] family requested Russell's assistance.

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